

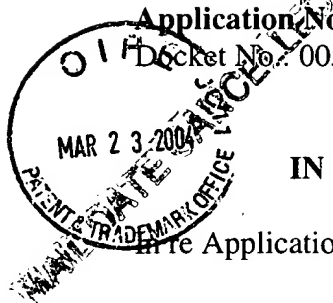
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Re Application of

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RECONSIDERATION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Further to the telephone conversation of March 23, 2004 between Examiner Coleman and the undersigned, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Election of Species Requirement dated March 25, 2003 (as maintained in the office action dated December 11, 2003). Specifically, in lieu of the eight distinct species set forth in the March 25, 2003 action, the Examiner and the undersigned agreed that the claims should instead be partitioned into the following two groups: group one containing claims 1-54, and group two containing claims 55-72. Between these two groups, applicant hereby elects and requests that group one be examined, the Examiner having agreed to now issue a new non-final office action, examining those claims in the elected group and re-starting the time period by which a response is due.

AUTHORIZATION

No fee is believed to be required except as otherwise indicated in the attached Reconsideration of Species Requirement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees should any be required for this submission, or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

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